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H.B. No. 1987

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to eligibility requirements to hold a political party
3 office.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 161.005, Election Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsections (a) and (c) and adding Subsection (a-1) to
7 read as follows:

8 (a) To be eligible to be a candidate for or to serve as an
9 officer [~~a county or precinct chair~~] of a political party, a person
10 must:

11 (1) [~~be a qualified voter of the county; and~~
12 [~~(2)~~] except as provided by Subsection (c), not be a
13 candidate for nomination or election to, or be the holder of, an
14 elective office of the federal, state, or county government; and

15 (2) if the office is a county or precinct chair of a
16 political party, be a qualified voter of the county.

17 (a-1) For purposes of this section, the following are
18 officers of a political party: precinct chair, county chair, and a
19 member, vice chair, and chair of a state executive committee of a
20 political party.

21 (c) A candidate for nomination or election to, or the holder
22 of, an elective office of the federal, state, or county government
23 is eligible to serve as an officer [~~a county or precinct chair~~] of a
24 political party to which Chapter 181 applies.

1 SECTION 2. This Act applies only to a candidate for
2 nomination or election to an office the term of which begins on or
3 after the effective date of this Act.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.